State Trust Land

Location of Incident: State Trust Land – Yuma, AZ

The Yuma County Sheriff’s Office would like to remind the community that Trust Land is not public land. As such, you must have a “Recreational Use Permit” issued by the Arizona State Land Department while on Trust Land.

In Arizona Attorney General’s Opinion #74-13 of August 1, 1974, Attorney General N. Warner Lee sets forth that “No one may enter upon State Trust Land without a permit.” Like many crimes, illegal occupancy of Trust land ranges from minor to major offenses. Even people walking their dog on Trust land in their community must have a permit.

The YCSO has responded to numerous concerns; everything from OHV complaints, dust, squatters, trash, environmental issues (solid waste and target shooting). YCSO deputies have issued 11 trespassing citations in the past month.

To obtain a State Trust Land Recreational Use Permit or more information about Trust Land, please visit https://land.az.gov/natural-resources/trespass-program.

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